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Application of

Applicant : Whitby et al.
Serial No. : 09/996,221
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POSITIONING PRIOR TO WRAPPING
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Sir:

COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowability dated September 9, 2004, has been considered and the following comments are noted for the public record:

Applicant hereby puts the public on notice that the examiner's stated reasons for allowance are not considered limiting of the claims and each of the claims will be interpreted and enforced as broadly as it is written. To the extent any statement in the reasons for allowance is

Comments on Reasons for Allowance

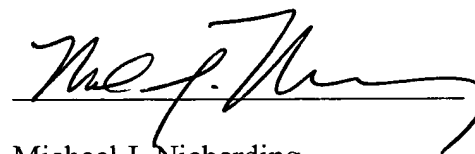
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not expressly set forth in a given claim, the claim language shall control and shall not be affected by the reasons for allowance. Applicant further notes that the entire range of equivalents that may be available for each claim limitation is hereby reserved and is not affected by any of the examiner's stated reasons for allowance. Further applicants reserve the right to distinguish each claim over the art based upon any particular feature or combination of features recited in such claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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